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H.R. No. 114

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An inspiring couple whose lives have been enhanced
2 by a great and enduring love, Al and Ruth Burkhalter of Mount
3 Pleasant celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21,
4 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Al Burkhalter and the former Ruth Speas met on the
6 campus of Miltonvale Wesleyan College in Miltonvale, Kansas, and
7 following a romantic proposal from outside her dorm room window,
8 they exchanged the vows of matrimony in 1967; with the passing
9 years, their family has grown to include their two sons, Chad and
10 his wife, Cammy, and Travis and his wife, Beth, as well as their
11 eight grandchildren, Cole, Cara Beth, Christina, Caroline,
12 Isabella, Sophia, Isaac, and Joy; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Burkhalter are longtime educators who
14 have worked in a number of cities in South Dakota and in Mount
15 Pleasant; Mr. Burkhalter served as a math teacher and basketball,
16 football, and track coach over the course of his 45-year career,
17 while Mrs. Burkhalter specialized in teaching reading to
18 elementary students during her 37 years in the classroom; they have
19 always been active in their church, holding a number of leadership
20 roles at Linwood Wesleyan Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota,
21 before becoming valued congregants of South Jefferson Baptist
22 Church in Mount Pleasant; and

23 WHEREAS, While much has changed in the world over the past
24 half century, this devoted husband and wife have remained constant

1 in their commitment to each other, and the strength of their love
2 has enabled them to meet life's challenges and opportunities with
3 grace and optimism; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Al and Ruth
6 Burkhalter on their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them
7 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Burkhalter as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.